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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - BUSH-PUTIN MEETING

LEAD STORIES: Thursday morning's Tokyo Shimbun front-
paged a report from Moscow quoting Russian chief
delegate to the six-party talks Losyukov as hinting at
a possible resumption of the talks next week.

¶1. "US, Russia Must Continue Efforts to Bridge Gap" The
business-oriented Nihon Keizai editorialized (7/4):
"Presidents Bush and Putin met at a time when US-Russia
relations are at a post-Cold War low. It appears that
the two leaders were able to repair their personal
relationship of trust after a frank exchange of
opinions at a Bush family villa. The talks, however,
did not change the fundamental structure of the
confrontation between the two countries over missile
defense. The US and Russia must continue efforts to
bridge the gap so as not to revive the US-Soviet arms
race of the Cold War era...."

¶2. "A Time for Cooperation Rather Than Confrontation"
An editorial in the conservative Sankei commented
(7/4): "...Although Presidents Bush and Putin were not
able to bridge their gap over US plans to install
missile-defense facilities in Eastern Europe, they
agreed to broaden their dialogue to at least prevent
bilateral relations from worsening. Nonetheless, it
would be premature to predict that the US and Russia
will be able to revive their previously cooperative
relationship. The two countries must first make efforts
to foster relations of trust based on dialogue.... It
has been nearly 18 years since the end of the Cold War,
and Russia is no longer the presumed enemy of NATO. The
NATO-Russia Council was established in 2002, bringing

Moscow partially into NATO's decision-making process. The direction [of relations between Russia and the West] should not be changed. There are a great many issues that require US-Russian cooperation, and a means must be devised to keep Russia involved."

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